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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, AS

SUBJ: NARCOTICS: POPPY STRAW PROCESSING CAPACITY

REF: (A) ANKARA 9884 (NOTAL); (B) CANBERRA 8252 (NOTAL);

(C) STATE 262207 (NOTAL)

1. ABBOT AUSTRALIA HAS VIRTUALLY COMPLETED  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLISH GOVERNMENT FOR JOINT VENTURE  
TO BUILD POPPY STRAW PROCESSING PLANT IN TASMANIA.  
FINAL APPROVAL JOINT VENTURE EXPECTED THIS WEEK AND  
PROJECTED PLANT SCHEDULE TO BE COMPLETED EARLY  
CALENDAR 1976. PLANT DESIGNED TO PROCESS POPPY STRAW  
WHICH ABBOT WILL GROW IN TASMANIA.

2. ABBOT IS AWARE GLAXO PLANT (WHICH IS IN VICTORIA)  
HAS EXCESS CAPACITY AND HAS DISCUSSED TENTATIVELY  
POSSIBILITY OF GLAXO PROCESSING SOME ABBOTT POPPY STRAW  
IN 1975 PENDING COMPLETION ABBOTT'S PROCESSING  
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PLANT. EXACT TONNAGE WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED

UNCERTAIN BUT BELIEVED TO BE COMPARATIVELY SMALL.

3. ABBOTT AUSTRALIA BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE ITS  
REPRESENTATIVE, WHO RECENTLY VISITED TURKEY ENROUTE  
WARSAW AND U.S., MAY HAVE OFFERED TO PURCHASE  
TURKISH POPPY STRAW BUT HAS NO FIRM INFORMATION  
ON THIS POSSIBILITY. THEY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT  
SIZE OF ANY SUCH PURCHASE WOULD BE MUCH SMALLER  
THAN QUANTITY ESTIMATED REF (A) FOR TOTAL CROP.

4. ABBOTT AUSTRALIA UNDERTAKING TO GET MORE  
INFORMATION THESE POINTS AND ADVISE US FURTHER.

5. FOREGOING INFORMATION RE ABBOTT PLANS WELL KNOWN  
TO AUSTRALIAN AND USG AUTHORITIES BUT IS FURNISHED  
ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED AGAINST  
FURTHER DISCLOSURE.

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